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Secy of State

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir. We respect

fully call your attention to the annexed extract of
a letter received from the West Indies, and send
also from the department, the law regulating
the fees of United States Consuls and Commercial
agents.

Respectfully Yours

Wm. H. Collins

Copy of a letter above alluded to.

"Any
From the item of charges in the Service you will
observe that the American Consul has increased his
fees, changing one to two certificates for one Service
he says he is authorized by his Government to exact this
change, but as the merchants here cannot willingly
submit to it, in request you to represent the matter
to the Government that we may obtain a decree, as we
do not believe it to be right to tax Commerce"

"in this way, we therefore hope you will not wish to take"
"the necessary steps in this matter, and that your"
"interference may have the effect, to have this objection"
"changed omitted"

Very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed change of the name of the American Anti-Slavery Society. I am very glad to hear that you are so much interested in the matter, and I am sure that your views will be given due consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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Hon John M. Clayton
Secy of State
Washington
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[V Consulate of the United States.
Havana June 27th 1850.

Hon^{ble} John M. Clayton.

Secretary of State.

Washington City.

Sir.

I have nothing of importance
to communicate as having occurred
in this Consulate since my last.

The situation of the Contoy prisoners
so far as I can learn remains unchanged;
it is believed that the investigation
has concluded, and copies of all the
proceedings sent both to Madrid,
and Mr Calderon. Report represents
a difference of opinion as to the propriety
of yielding to your demand of a surrender
of the prisoners as existing among the
principal officers of this Government,
and it is presumed no positive action
will be had upon the demand until
positive instructions are received from
Madrid, unless the demand is backed
by a strong naval force.

The Germantown was in port for three

days, and since yesterday morning is
cruising near the harbor. No other Ame-
rican man of war has arrived.

Mr Girau of whose arrest you were
informed by me has regained his liberty,
and is now in Havana. As you will
receive full accounts from Mr. M. Sean,
it is unnecessary for me to trouble you
with them.

[Yesterday received a letter from
a highly respectable merchant at Car-
denas dated 24th instant, stating
that Mr Edmund Doyle, native of
New York, and Mr Gustavus Rolando,
native of Charleston, S. C. has been
taken from their beds at 11 P.M. of
the preceding night, tied and carried
off, the former to the house of the
captain of the Partida, and the latter
to prison. The arrest was caused, the
writer states, by Mr Rolando bursting
a cap while preparing his gun for
an intended shooting excursion to
the country on the next day.

The Consul at Matanzas will
undoubtedly do all in his power to

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have the parties released, and will
inform you of all particulars.]

Is it not the duty of our Govern-
ment to demand and exact full in-
demnity to American citizens when
arrested, and imprisoned by a foreign
Government without cause, or on
frivolous pretexts.

The Government here appoints a
censor of the Press. I therefore take
the liberty of drawing your attention
to two paragraphs which are marked
in the papers herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be, Sir

With great respect & esteem

Yr Mst Obedt servt.

Robert B. Campbell

Rec'd 9 July.

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Consulate of the United States.
Havana June 30th 1850

Honble. John M. Clayton.
Secretary of State
Washington City.
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge having received on yesterday from Commodore McKeever, then just arrived with the Congress, duplicates of your despatches of the 31st ultimo, and 1st instant, numbered 1. & 2.

I also received at the same time your instructions of the 3^d of June directing my communications to be numbered in future.

With Commodore McKeever, several officers of the Congress, and Captain Loundes of the Germantown, I waited this day upon the Captain General. He was as always polite and courteous; spoke of the Cortoy prisoners, and said *viven y viviran*, they live and will live: from which it is to be inferred that no capital punishment is contemplated.

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He also expressed the opinion that the summarial proceedings would be concluded in a few days, that some of the prisoners were in truth passengers for California, but that the masters of the vessels were cognizant of the expedition, and had knowingly taken on board men, arms, and munitions of war.

The conversation with Commodore W. C. Keever was more at length, but the above embraces all of any interest unless it may be expressions complimentary to General Taylor.

From the conversation above reported you will be informed that the summarial proceedings against the Contoy prisoners are still in progress, and the right to try on the part of this Government practically enforced.

With great respect & esteem

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yr. M^t. O^bl. serv^t
Robert B. Campbell